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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Forces Korea (USFK) Command Policy #12, Prostitution and Human Trafficking (P&HT)

- 1. This policy letter supersedes USFK Command Policy Letter #12, Prostitution within Off-Post Entertainment Districts, 21 April 2007. This policy remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.
- 2. References.
 - a. DoDI 2200.01, Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP), 16 February 2007.
 - b. USFK Regulation 190-2, Off Limits Areas and Establishments, 7 May 2004.
- c. Republic of Korea (ROK) Law, *Act on the Punishment of Intermediating in Sex Trade and Associated Acts*, 22 March 2004, with an effective date of 23 September 2004.
- 3. This memorandum applies to all USFK military members, DoD civilian personnel, Invited Contractors, Technical Representatives, and their family members whether assigned permanently, on temporary duty, rotational duty, or on leave/pass status in Korea, and whether on or off a US military installation.
- 4. Prostitution and human trafficking is illegal, immoral, and deprives an individual of basic human rights. The Department of Defense and USFK have a "Zero Tolerance" policy regarding the illegal activities of prostitution and human trafficking.
- 5. Prostitution and human trafficking are illegal by Korean law. All personnel must respect Korean laws or risk apprehension, trial, and confinement by ROK authorities. Prostitution and human trafficking shall not be facilitated in any way by USFK personnel. In support of the DoD policy and Korean law, USFK has developed an aggressive strategy to combat prostitution and human trafficking that focuses on awareness, identification, reduction, and continued partnership with the ROK government and Korean law enforcement agencies. The desired end state of this strategy is the reduction of prostitution and its link to human trafficking.

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- 6. Trafficking in persons is a violation of human rights. It is cruel and demeaning, is linked to organized crime, undermines the USFK mission, and is incompatible with our military core values. I expect Commanders at all levels to ensure their Service members are trained and understand this very serious crime.
- a. Prostitution and Human Trafficking training is mandatory for all new personnel assigned to, rotating to, or in temporary duty status with USFK and must be completed in accordance with USFK Reg 350-2, Appendix A.
- b. Area Military Police/Security Forces will coordinate with their Korean National Police (KNP) counterparts to conduct "town patrols" in an effort to specifically identify businesses which support, harbor, or in anyway sanction prostitution and human trafficking. Whenever practical, "town patrols" will be joint USFK-KNP patrols. US law enforcement authorities have no authority or responsibility to enforce ROK laws, other than as they pertain to US military personnel.
- c. Garrison/Base Installation Commanders will meet with local community officials to solicit their support in eliminating prostitution and human trafficking near USFK installations.
- d. The USFK Inspector General will develop and maintain an evaluation and inspection program to evaluate USFK efforts to combat prostitution and human trafficking.
- e. As part of an awareness campaign, USFK Public Affairs (PAO) will widely disseminate the commands policies, indicators of prostitution and human trafficking, reporting procedures, and programs aimed at eliminating these practices.
- f. All USFK personnel should recognize the indicator signs for prostitution and human trafficking such as private rooms for employees and patrons, money being exchanged for unknown reasons, and the appearance of someone's freedom being restricted. If you see these signs, report them immediately to the USFK P&HT Hotline at DSN 736-9333 or, from off-installation at 0505-736-9333.
- 7. This policy is punitive and persons who fail to comply with the provisions of this policy are subject to punishment either under the UCMJ, or adverse administrative personnel action and/or other adverse actions authorized by applicable laws or regulations. Personnel not subject to the UCMJ and who fail to comply with this policy may be subject to adverse administrative sanctions, including, but not limited to, revocation of privileges as authorized by applicable laws and regulations.
- 8. Prostitution and human trafficking activities have direct and negative impacts on our US ROK Alliance, combat readiness, Service member and family morale, and community

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health issues. The attitude that "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas" will not be tolerated here in Korea. USFK personnel at all levels must not engage in conduct that supports prostitution and human trafficking, and they should not tolerate those that do.

9. Questions regarding this policy should be referred to the USFK P&HT Working Group Action Officer, 738-3295, <u>USFKPHT@Korea.army.mil</u>

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